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The church magazine for Baginton Road URC



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Dear Friends

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. [Isaiah 40:31 NIV]



Isaiah is my favourite OT prophet; the writing is full of rich poetic imagery. Chapter 40:31 is no exception – the poet is calling his audience to look beyond their own depression and set their hope on Yahweh. The image is of waiting for God to lift them up as if carried away with enormous wings, like that of an eagle.

Isaiah wants his audience to focus on the flight of eagles to imagine themselves being lifted by God's power which not only will allow them to soar, but also will renew and refresh them with boundless energy.

In the summer months, I like to watch buzzards and red kites (when visiting Northampton) soaring overhead. They effortlessly glide hundreds of feet up in the sky on the invisible thermals the warm weather can generate. They glide without the need to flap their wings using the energy generated by the heat of the sun to rise higher and higher until they are almost out of sight. I always watch these birds and wonder what it must be like to be able to do that, just to be able to extend one's wings and soar high in the sky.

And this is a good metaphor for when we are faced with life's troubles. How often do we get in a flap and burn up lots of energy fretting about all manner of things, many of which never occur?

Isaiah wants to encourage us to put our hope in God, and feel the renewing strength and power of his love for us, and not to get in a flap over the smallest of things.

As we consider our journey through this Lenten season, where we tend to fast or give up something as a sign of devotion to God (such as chocolate or wine), perhaps I can encourage you to take up something instead, this being soaring on wings like an eagle supported by an undeniable hope and trust in God. Feel the warmth of God's love for you lifting you up higher and higher; for surely God is control and the universe is unfolding as it should.

With strength and courage, we ascend, towards horizons that never end. Guided by hope, our hearts alight, in the vast expanse of God's endless light.

Kind regards and every blessing

Revd Peter

Appointment of a Pastor for Baginton Road URC - Update



In response to the advert which we placed last October, we received an application from Sherry Owolabi for the role of Pastor at BR URC. The application was felt to be a solid application with detailed responses to the questions asked and a good match to the person specification for the role. Sherry has a background in Early Years and Primary Education which she was employed in before she undertook a Master's Degree in Theology at Nazarene Theological College in 2020/21. She is familiar with the URC, having been part of a community programme at a URC and has led worship at URC churches in the north as part of her role for the Leprosy Mission.

Sherry was invited to come and visit us on an informal basis, which she did on 2nd January. She spent the day with us - dropping in to coffee morning, visiting Warwick Road Centre, meeting Peter and seeing the church in action through Sing Your Heart Out. Several Elders spent time with her over lunch which gave a good opportunity for her to get to know more about the Church and for us to get to know more about her.

Following on from this visit, the Elders decided to move to the next step and invite Sherry for a formal interview and to do a presentation to Elders about how she could contribute to the Vision of Baginton Road. This took place on 6th February. Interview questions were put together by a group of a dozen Elders and the interview was conducted by Pauline, Peter and Ruth. Following this, 15 Elders and members of the Pastor Sub-Group met to listen to the presentation which Sherry had put together. The presentation was very well prepared as Sherry shared her ideas and suggestions for working with us. She spoke eloquently and her presentation was underpinned by a core value of Love, relating to our mission statement of "sharing the Love of Jesus every day".

After the interview and presentation, the Elders met to consider the next steps and it was unanimously agreed that we now invite Sherry to come and lead worship and meet the wider fellowship. Sherry happily accepted this invitation and it has been agreed that she will come and lead worship on Sunday morning, 3rd March. We will follow the service with a shared lunch and an opportunity for people to meet her and her husband and two school-age children.

If you would like to find out more about Sherry, she has an on-line presence <https://wordseasonedwithsalt.co.uk>; if you would like a to see the handout from her presentation, please ask me for a copy. And lastly, please continue to pray for the situation.

Sue Davis, on behalf of the Elders and Pastor Sub-Group



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Service to be held at

Baginton Road United Reformed Church

7.00 pm for Refreshments

Service begins at 7.30 pm

Come and pray for

PALESTINE

Guest Speaker: Su McClellan

Curate at Coventry Cathedral

and Embrace the Middle East employee

Olivewood goods, made in Bethlehem will be on sale

Profits to humanitarian needs in the Holy Land



Notes from Elders' and Church Meetings

February Elders' Meeting



- Arrangements were discussed for Sherry Owolabi to visit and 'Preach with a View' on Sunday, 3rd March. This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch and then a question-and-answer session. Special Church Meeting to vote on whether we issue a call to take place at 7pm Wednesday, 6th March. Church Meeting to be informed and asked to agree the next stage.
- Safeguarding: a recent incident had been referred to the relevant authorities and Synod praised the Safeguarding Team for acting proactively. It was agreed to install two additional CCTV cameras, one above the side entrance and one above the doors to the Main Hall.
- Elders agreed a request from Revd Peter Kimberley to conduct a baptism. The family does not come to church.
- Various new ventures were agreed: Leading Your Church into Growth, to be studied along with friends from Abbey Hill URC; Christianity Explored, Revd PK will be re-running this course based on Mark's Gospel on Thursday evenings; support and work with THRIVE.
- Easter arrangements agreed: Church Easter Card, Holy Week services.
- Safeguarding Team has started DBS renewals.
- Agreed purchase of new pads and replacement battery for the defibrillator.
- Received reports and updates from the various groups and committees.

Church Meeting

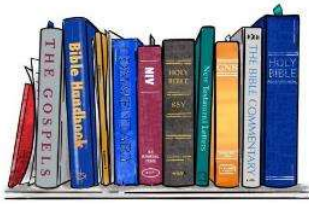
- Review of Christmas Services.
- Vision statement approved by the meeting.
- Proposals from the Elders regarding the appointment of a pastor were approved.
- Update re WR Sanctuary: still one or two issues to resolve but nearly there.
- Financial and legal merger of the two churches will create a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The application will soon be submitted but process could take up to three months.
- Reports were received and diary dates for 2024 were noted.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary



Appreciation

Dave and Kathy Jackson would like to say a big thank you to all at Baginton Road URC for the beautiful flowers Pam and Joan delivered to us.



Mission, Outreach and Worship Report for March 2024

Warning: There are lots of dates in this report, you may need your diary!

Christianity Explored – Bible Study: I will be running the course again this year. It is a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. Session 1 is on **Thursday 4th April at 7pm**. Please contact me to register your interest.

Leading your Church into Growth: I will be attending the national conference for LyCiG in June of this year. The course runs from lunchtime on **3rd June** to lunchtime on **5th June** and costs £265 per attendee. There are places available - would anyone from the church like to join me? We will then be running the local LyCiG course at Baginton Road in partnership with Abbey Hill URC. George Jones and I will be leading the course. Session 1 is on **Monday 8th April** at 2:30pm at Baginton Road URC. Please contact me for more information.

Lent Courses, Wednesday and Thursday evenings: Lent courses continue as a shared venture across the area, with in-person meetings being held on Wednesday evenings and via Zoom on Thursday evenings, both starting at 7:30pm. Please see church notices and posters for more details. I will be hosting the evening of **28th February** at Baginton Road Church.

Grange Farm School visit, Holy Week: Working with our local schools seems to be going well, and I am happy to report that Grange Farm will once again be joining us to learn about Holy Week and Easter. If you're able to spare an hour or two to support me, I would be very grateful. Grange Farm Year 4 will be with us on **Monday 18th March, 1:30pm**.

Working with other churches: I am happy to report that our working with other churches is beginning to grow. The ministers in the local area shared a breakfast and prayer meeting in February and are coming together to offer joint services and other shared fellowship opportunities soon. The first of these will be joining with Quinton Park Baptist Church for the Maundy Thursday service on **28th March at 7pm**. Please come along to Quinton Park Baptist Church when QP's new minister Rev Danny Doran-Smith and Revd David Spriggs will be leading the worship. I have been invited to preach the sermon.

Every Blessing

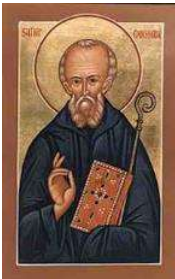
Revd Peter Kimberley

<p>We have been notified of the death, in Yorkshire, of Hedley Calvert, a former Warwick Road Church Secretary.</p>

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

People have petitioned Coventry Council to “locally list” and protect part of the site of Hearsall Baptist Church, following a decision by the church to merge with Holyhead Road URC and move to their site. The merger changes the church’s name to Sherbourne Community Church, named after the nearby river.

Also announced is the demolition of St Nicholas Church on Radford Road, which is to be replaced with a 38-bed care home employing 30 day staff. Whilst the church is locally listed, it is in disrepair and has not been used for several years. The bells, plaque and cross will be carefully removed, with one bell already earmarked for another church. Building of the church commenced in 1955 and was completed in 1957. All this is subject to a planning decision in March by Coventry City Council.



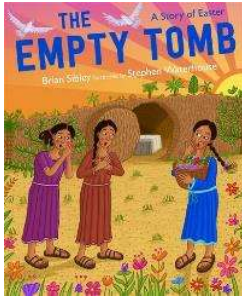
The isle of Iona is synonymous with Christianity; now, monks have returned by purchasing a former B&B for £1.2m, which was crowdfunded. Five monks from England, the Netherlands, North America and Romania now occupy the monastery under the charity “the Orthodox Monastery of All Celtic Saints”. The founder Father Seraphim Aldea, who studied theology at Warwick University, then Durham and Oxford after growing up near Bucharest, has said he feels connected to St. Columba not just because of his asceticism but as an immigrant. At Christmas, the monks worshipped in the ancient chapel of St Oran (which has no heating or lighting) and invited the nuns from the neighbouring island of Mull to join them. Father Aldea said that Columba prophesied the collapse of the nunnery and the monastery which did happen following the Reformation.

Highgate Cemetery in North London is clearing old graves and advertising new burial sites, should you want to be buried near the philosopher Karl Marx. It costs £5,000 for a cremation spot and upwards of £25,000 for a full grave. It is thought that these fees would bring in 50% of the yearly income needed for upkeep of the 53,000 graves which include those of George Michael, George Eliot, Douglas Adams and Michael Faraday. The cemetery attracts 100,000 visitors a year, charges an entrance fee and has a gift shop selling, amongst other items, Karl Marx tea towels and mugs. It has recently started an £18m expansion and preservation project.

Church of England cathedrals have reported increased congregations at Christmas 2023, with some having to turn attendees away. However, Sunday attendance has not reached 2019 levels but is on the increase following the pandemic. According to one cathedral, conversations are increasing betwixt volunteer chaplains and visitors “who are looking for some sense and meaning in a world which feels increasingly insecure and frightening”.

Barry Stelfox

Book Reviews



The Empty Tomb – A Story of Easter

By Brian Sibley, SPCK, £6.99

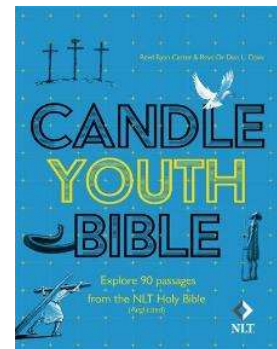
This easy to read and engaging retelling of the Easter story is a perfect introduction for 6+ year-olds to the stories of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the death and resurrection of Jesus, His Ascension, and Pentecost. They are written to be read alone or read aloud.

Learn about the procession of the singing crowd as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and the moment Jesus shared the bread and the cup at the Passover meal. Discover how the disciples' sorrow turned to joy and wonder when they saw Jesus once again in their presence after His death, eating and drinking with them. Be immersed in the excitement of Pentecost and the inspiring speech by Peter that led to the baptism of 3,000 people.

Candle Youth Bible – explore 90 passages from the NLT Holy Bible (Anglicized)

SPCK, £11.99

The Candle Youth Bible provides an ideal introduction to accessing and understanding the entire story of the Bible. When viewed as a whole, the Bible is a wonderful story full of images and drama. 90 key Bible events are featured that show how the Bible's story unfolds and is connected, conveying how the Gospel of Christ and the Kingdom of God binds all of Scripture.



Each carefully selected story is retold with Bible verses supporting information about the theme, setting, characters, and key plot outlines of each passage.



12 Things You (Probably) Didn't Know About Easter

By Bob Lepine, 10Publishing, £3.99

The perfect, light-hearted book for showing a friend the true meaning of Easter. It pops up in a seemingly random Sunday each year, easing you gently into spring. The promise of candy and chocolate eggs makes it popular with kids, but it's hardly in the same league as holidays like Christmas.

... But perhaps it should be? Here are 12 weird and wonderful facts, spanning all the way from its origins through to the present day, that show the enduring significance of Easter for Christians.

From Parish Pump

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets each month in the Open Doors Café at 2.30pm. Meetings are normally on the first Thursday of each month but this is sometimes changed so please check beforehand with Warwick Road Centre Office: 024 7622 0299.

We each share two or three poems – these are usually on a set theme but don't have to be! All are welcome. The next meetings are:



Thursday, 7th March, Theme: 'Walking & Leaping'

Thursday, 4th April, Theme: 'Drink'



For more information, please contact David Lathbury: david@dlathbury.co.uk.

Burns Supper 2024

On Saturday 20th January, 54 friends gathered in the Large Hall to celebrate the birthday of Scottish bard Robert (or Rabbie) Burns. The evening began with music played by a Highland Piper whilst the haggis was presented to the guests. Alistair gave a most spirited address to the noble haggis before piercing it with his 'dirk'.



Guests were then treated to a delicious five course meal, served by members of our Scouts and Explorers under the watchful eyes of their Leaders. Toasts were to the Immortal Memory, the Lassies, and a Reply on behalf of the Lassies. The formal part of the evening ended with a rendition of *Flower of Scotland*. Keith then led everyone in several Scottish country dances. 'Strictly Come Dancing' has no fear of competition, but a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the event, both in the run up doing shopping, selling tickets and producing place names, and on the day, decorating the hall setting tables preparing the food and cooking. Special thanks to Mel and Rich who toiled long and hard in the kitchen cooking and serving an excellent meal.

Thank you also to the Scouts and Explorers who, together with their Leaders, did an excellent job and made the evening a success. Profit from the evening will be divided equally between the Scouts and the Church.

Pauline Lockett

Social Committee News

Please see the list and dates of social events for this year and put them in your diary. We look forward to your continuing support and hope we see you at some of the varied events we have planned. If you have any suggestions for activities or where we can go on our annual trip, please speak to one of us.



Next event: Family games afternoon with nibbles: 6th March, 2.30 – 5.00pm – see poster below.

Proposed Events for 2024

- Summer family quiz with strawberries and cream: date TBA
- Holiday at Home: Monday 5th August – Activity Day
 - Tuesday 6th August – coach trip
 - Wednesday 7th August – Activity Day
- Bring and Share, Harvest Lunch: Sunday 29th September
- Christian Aid Soup Lunch: Saturday 9th November
- Afternoon Music Concert: date TBA
- Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 30th November
- Christmas Tree Festival: Friday 6th December.

Social Committee

**Baginton Road Church invites everyone
to a**



Family Games Afternoon

Saturday 16th March at 2.30pm

Fun games for all ages. Board games,
large Connect 4, Giant Jenga and
garden activities.

Snacks and hot/cold drinks provided.
Suitable for all ages, so come along
and have some fun.



For further information, please speak to
Pam Dawson or contact the Church Office



EXPLORE SOMEWHERE NEW THIS SPRING



Spring is just around the corner and we're looking forward to getting outdoors and enjoying the spring sunshine! Here's a round up of our favourite outdoor spaces in and around Coventry...

Wyken Slough | Wyken

Wyken Pool is the largest expanse of water in Coventry, and the rough grassland, scrub and marsh near the pool support a rich variety of wildlife. This beautiful area is a Local Nature Reserve, and forms part of the Sowe Valley Footpath.



Shustoke Reservoirs | Near Coleshill

A haven of tranquillity for nature lovers, hikers and water enthusiasts, Shustoke Reservoirs are famous for their impressive wildflower displays. Lower Shustoke offers a tranquil circular walk of around two miles although if you are looking for something longer the circular walk offers links to the Heart of England Way and also the Centenary Way.



Allesley Park | Allesley

Allesley Park is a picturesque outdoor space with rolling landscape and established trees. It's popular with dog walkers as well as families, who love the fairy garden and well equipped play area. During your visit, check out The Walled Garden - planted with vegetable beds, fruiting trees and flower borders, it's a popular retreat for visitors.



Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve | Near Binley Woods

Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve is set in 220 acres and features a wide variety of large pools, bird hides, woodland walks and wildflower meadows. There's lots to do for all ages, including a lovely café, mud kitchen, mouse maze, gift shop, and walking trails (accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs).



Miner's Welfare Park | Bedworth

The beautiful Miner's Welfare Park in Bedworth has something for everyone. A spectacular play area with rock towers and water play, a skate park for all abilities, formal gardens, wildflower meadows and kilometres of footpaths and cycle paths.

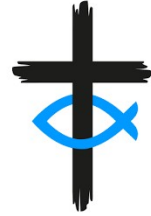
And there's more!
Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk to find your fun.

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Warwick Road Centre and Café - March Update

- Open Doors Café remains busy and as always, we would welcome new volunteers. Please get in touch with the Office if you have an hour or two to spare to help.
- An exciting new partnership between Coffee Shop Sunday (CSS) and Baginton Road URC has been agreed. The partnership means that CSS will continue to use Open Doors Café on the first and third Sunday afternoon each month and CSS will provide Preachers for 'pulpit slots' six times per year at Baginton Road.
- CSS sessions in Open Doors Café are from 2.45pm to 4pm and include a Prayer Walk in the City Centre on the third Sunday. It would be wonderful to see folks call in for a free drink, cake and chat, together with prayer time and music. All are welcome. Upcoming dates for Coffee Shop Sunday sessions: 3rd March; 17th March; 7th April; 21st April. It is informal worship, so feel free to call in anytime between 2.45pm and 4pm.



Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Consciousness

The following article by Gerald Drewett first appeared in Progressive Voices, the magazine of Progressive Christianity Network – Britain, of which I am a member. It is re-printed here with permission. Could this be used as a framework on which to build a more believable form of Christianity for today's world?



The universe began its life about 13.7 billion years ago and the radiation then created is reverberating through as it expands. The ground of being that existed before that act of creation was a sea of vibrations. From this sea came a force of unimaginable density, which expanded and created the formative process known as evolution, of which the present ultimate product is humans.

In terms of understanding what happened, all is miraculous in the sense that the human brain could not have created it. Any mind that created it is beyond our comprehension. Over the centuries physical science has painstakingly produced explanatory theories, which are discarded or revised along the way as knowledge increases. We now know that a human being consists of trillions of cells, which individually cannot be seen by the unaided eye, yet each one contains a detailed manual of information about the human condition. In response to other cells in the environment, these cells send information to related cells and change or evolution happens.

What created the laws of science, which enabled that force of unimaginable density to produce a new universe? This question is a spiritual one and religions generally have some concept of a benign but ultimately mysterious God as the only answer the human mind can produce.

Scientists are now using the word 'consciousness' to reflect this mystery. What we conclude is that it is non-physical (spiritual) and rational. It seems to be primarily to hold information and energy (vibrations); its chemical equations have to work to the billionth of a second for them to be effective, otherwise, nothing would exist; it must be ever present (immortal) because it maintains the universe in existence; it creates a Oneness because everything is coherent and interdependent. It seems that consciousness is energy plus information designed to produce that Oneness which is the integrity of creation.

Its meaning is unconditional love, because that is the basis on which Oneness can exist; everything has a fulfilling relationship with everything else. In religious understanding, unconditional love is the essence of God. Do the words 'God' *religion* and 'consciousness' *science* represent concepts struggling to identify the same mystery? God's Holy Spirit, omnipresent in creation and consciousness is universal and pervading all.

The word 'God' remains the word for the mystery of why we have been created, and 'that of God' (the Holy Spirit) remains the power or force field that underpins the continuation of creation as it moves purposefully towards some end point.

Is this something to consider? What do you think?

George Drake



**Call in for Coffee
Easter Saturday Morning**



Saturday 30th March - 10:00am – 12 noon
Baginton Road United Reformed Church



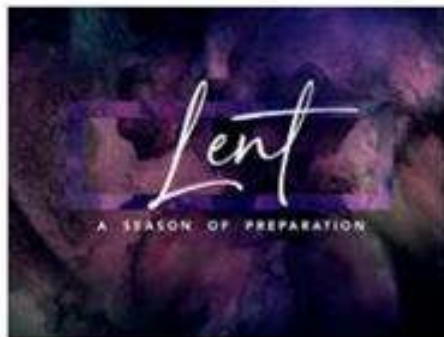
Come along for a Hot Drink, Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate Egg Hunt



Hopefully the sun will be shining and we can be outside

Or if it rains, we will meet in the large hall





**This Year's Lent Course will take place over 5 weeks
across URC churches in Coventry**

Each session will begin at 7.30pm on a Wednesday and will be repeated
the following day via Zoom, also at 7.30pm. Here are the dates and
locations:

21st February

Holyhead Rd "Wilderness"

28th February

Baginton Road "Fasting"

6th March

Keresley "Solitude"

13th March

Ansty Road "Temptation"

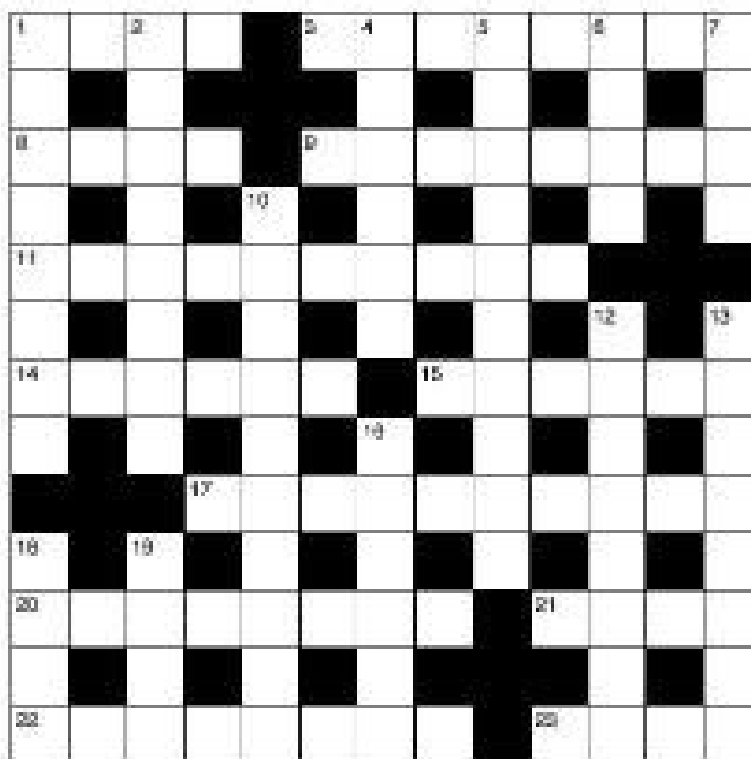
20th March

Foleshill Road "Preparation"

Zoom Details

ID 886 5612 6155 Passcode: 103563

Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — —' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
 8 Seep (4)
 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
 21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
 23 Eye sore (4)

Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

SUDOKU (EASY)

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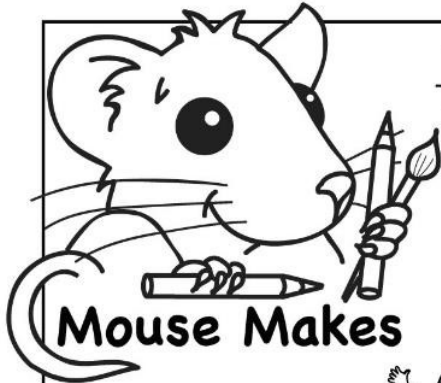
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WORDSEARCH

On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to His disciples before His death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed His disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' ceremony was an important part of the medieval church's liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

MAUNDY	AS	I H O D T H U R S D A Y J I
THURSDAY	LOVED	J D T E A C H E R N N D E I
FINAL	YOU	E M O A P T L A A G O V I M
COMMAND	MUST	R N R M E P A S T N T L N R
JESUS	ONE	L A V E I D E M Y I H S W L
DISCIPLES	ANOTHER	O D E C P N R S T H E H A T
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SUPPER	LATIN	D N P I O M E S I N Y D E Y
WASHED	CEREMONY	O A R D C E R E M O N Y D E
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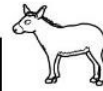
"I am the **resurrection** and the **life**.
The one who believes in me will live
even though they die."
John 1:25



READ the Bible
passages to find
the answers to the
crossword clues

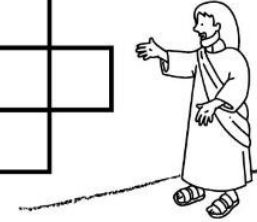
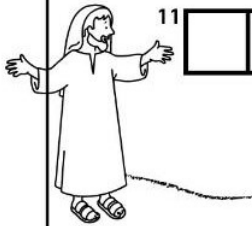
Matthew 21:1-11

1. Which city did Jesus ride into?
2. What did he ride on?
3. What did the crowd shout?
4. What did clothes did they put down?
7. What did they cut down to spread on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

15. What feast did Jesus celebrate?
12. Who did he celebrate it with?
11. What did Jesus break to eat?



Matthew 27:27-61

17. What was Jesus' crown made of?
9. What was Jesus crucified on?
14. Who's tomb was Jesus buried in?
13. What did they wrap Jesus' body in?
16. What did they roll in front of the tomb?

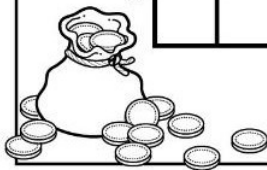
Matthew 26:36-75

6. What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?



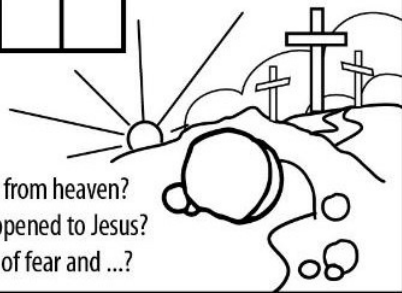
Matthew 26:14-16

- 8d. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. How many silver pieces was he paid?



Matthew 28:1-10

5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?



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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

3	8	2	5	6	7	1	9	4
5	4	6	8	9	1	2	3	7
1	9	7	4	2	3	5	8	6
2	3	8	1	5	6	4	7	9
4	5	9	3	7	2	8	6	1
6	7	1	9	4	8	3	5	2
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7	1	4	6	3	5	9	2	8
9	6	5	2	8	4	7	1	3

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

3	6	7	2	9	1	5	8	4
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6	2	3	9	5	8	4	7	1

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. , Passover. 1, Garden Tomb. 1, Cannot. 1, Elisha. 17 Gethsemane. 20 Own house. 21 Lisa. 22 Flogging. 23 Styie.

DOWN: 1 Wrong act. 2 Nazarene. 4 Health. 5 Assemblies. 6 Envy. 7 Turn. 10 Before long. 12 Iscariot. 13 Take care. 16 The Son. 18 Loaf. 19 Unto.

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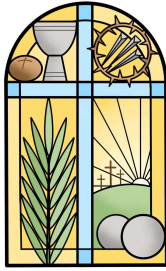
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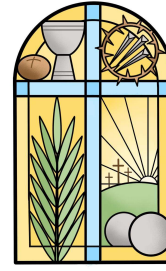
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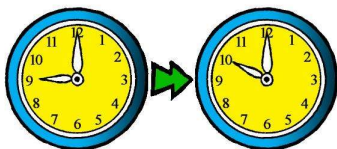


Worship at Baginton Road URC - March 2024



Morning service: 10.30am; Evening service:
6.30pm (unless otherwise stated)

Date	Time	Preacher	
3 rd March	am	Sherry Owolabi	Followed by Bring and Share lunch
	pm	Revd Colin Offor	Holy Communion
10 th March	am	Revd Kevin Jones	Mothering Sunday
17 th March	am	Revd Peter Kimberley	Holy Communion
	pm	Kath Shortley	
24 th March (Palm Sunday)	am	James Rudge	Church Parade
Holy week:			
25 th March Monday	7pm	Mary Goodwin	
26 th March Tuesday	7pm	Wilf Hawes	
27 th March Wednesday	7pm	Pauline Lockett	
28 th March Maundy Thursday	7pm	Revd Peter Kimberley	Holy Communion at Quinton Park
29 th March (Good Friday)	7pm	Rita Dalton	
31 st March (Easter Sunday)	am	Rev Peter Kimberley No evening service	Holy Communion
7 th April	am	Les Wade	Holy Communion
	pm	Sue Matthews	



**Remember that the clocks go forward
on the night of 30th / 31st March!**